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POETRY.

A WIFE TO HER HUSBAND.

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SELECTED TALES.

The Night Before Marriage.

FROM THE GERMAN OF ZSCHOKKE.

"We shall certainly be very happy together," said Louise to her aunt on the evening before marriage, and her cheek glowed with a deeper red, and her eyes shone with delight. When a bride says so, it may be easily guessed whom all persons in the world she means thereby.

"I do not doubt it, dear Louise," replied her aunt; "see only that you continue happy together."

"Oh, who can doubt that we shall continue so? I know myself. I have faults, indeed, but my love for him will correct them. And so long as we love each other, we cannot be unhappy. Our love will never grow cold."

"Alas!" sighed her aunt, "thou dost speak like a maiden of nineteen, on the day before her marriage, in the intoxication of wishes fulfilled, of fair hopes and happy omens. Dear child, remember this—*even the heart in time grows cold.* Days will come when the magic of youthful scenes shall fade. And when this enchantment has fled, then it first becomes evident whether we are truly worthy of love. When custom has made familiar the charms that are most attractive, when youthful freshness has died away, and with the brightness of domestic life, more and more shadows have mingled, Louise, not till then can the wife say of the husband, 'He is worthy of love'; then first the husband says of the wife, 'she blooms in imperishable beauty.' But truly, on the day before marriage, such assertions sound laughable to me."

"I understand you, dear aunt. You would say that our mutual virtues alone can in earlier years give us worth for each other. But it is not he to whom I am to be long—for of myself I can boast nothing but the best intentions—is he not the noblest, worthiest of all the young men of the city? Blooms not in his soul every virtue that tends to make life happy?"

"My child," replied her aunt, "I grant it. Virtues bloom in thee as well as in him; I can say this to thee without flattery. But, dear child, they bloom only, and are not yet ripened beneath the sun's rays and the shower. No blossoms deceive the eye; tell in what soil they have taken root.—Who knows the concealed depths of the heart?"

"Ah, dear aunt, you really frighten me!"

"So much the better, Louise. Such fear is as I love thee tenderly, and will therefore declare all my thoughts on the subject without disguise. I am not as yet an old aunt. At seven-and-twenty years one looks forward to life with pleasure; the world still presents a bright side to us. I have an excellent husband. I am happy. Therefore I have a right to speak truth to thee, to call thy attention to a secret which is not often spoken of to a young and pretty maiden, one, indeed, which does not greatly occupy the thoughts of a young man, and still is of the utmost importance in every household; a secret from which alone springs lasting love and unutterable happiness."

Louise seized the hand of her aunt in both of hers. "Dear aunt! you know I believe you in everything. You mean that enduring happiness is not insured to us by accidental qualities, by fleeting charms, but only these virtues of the kind which we bring to each other. Those are the best dowry we can possess; these never become old."

"As it happens, Louise. The virtues also, like the beauties of the body, can grow cold, and become repulsive and hateful with age."

"How, dearest aunt! what is it you say? Name to me a virtue which can become hateful with years."

"When they have become so, we no longer call them virtues, as a beautiful maiden can no longer be called beautiful, when time has changed her to an old and wrinkled woman."

"But, aunt, the virtues are nothing earthly?"

"Perhaps."

"How can gentleness and mildness ever become hateful?"

"So soon as they degenerate into insipid indolence and listlessness."

"And manly courage?"

"Becomes imperious rudeness."

"And modest diffidence?"

"Turns to fawning humility."

ate into an irritable and quarrelsome mortal."

"Ah, dearest, if I might never become old!"

"Wert thou always as fresh and beautiful as to-day, still thy husband's eye would, by custom of years, become different to these advantages. Custom is the greatest enchantress in the world, and in the house of the most benevolent farmers. She renders that which is the most beautiful, as well as the ugliest, familiar. The wife is young and becomes old; it is custom which hinders the husband from perceiving the change. On the contrary, did she remain young while he grew old, it might bring serious consequences, and render the man in years jealous. It is better as kind Providence has ordered it. Imagine that thou hast grown to be an old woman, and thy husband were a blooming youth, how wouldst thou then feel?"

Louise rubbed her chin, and said, "I cannot tell."

Her aunt continued: "But I will call thy attention to a secret which—"

"That is it," interrupted Louise, hastily, "that is it which I long so much to hear."

Her aunt said: "Listen to me attentively. What I now tell thee I have proved. It consists of two parts. The first part of the means to render a marriage happy, which of itself prevents every possibility of dissension, and would even at last make the spider and the fly the best friends with each other. The second part is the best and surest method of preserving female attractions."

"Ah!" exclaimed Louise.

"The former half of the means, then, in thy first solitary hour after the ceremony, take the bridegroom and demand a solemn vow of him, and give him a vow in return. Promise me another secretly, never, not even in jest, to wrangle with each other, never to bandy words, or indulge in the least ill-humor. Never! I say never! Wrangling in jest, and putting on an air of ill-humor, merely to tease, becomes earnest by practice. Mark that! Next promise each other, sincerely and solemnly, never to have a secret from each other, under whatever pretext, with whatever excuse it might be. You must continually, and every moment, see clearly into each other's bosom. Even when one of you has confessed it freely—let it cost tears, but confess it. And as you keep nothing from each other, so on the contrary, preserve the privacy of your house, marriage, state, and heart, from father, mother, sister, brother, aunt, and all the world. You, two, with God's help, build your own quiet nest; every third or fourth one whom you draw into it, will form a party, and stand between you two! That should never be. Promise this to each other. Renew the vow at each temptation. You will find your accounts in it. Your souls will grow as one! Ah! if many a young pair had, on their wedding-day known the secret, how many marriages were happier, than, alas! they are!"

Louise kissed her aunt's hand with ardent affection. "I feel that it must be so. Where this confidence is absent, the married, even after wedlock, are two strangers who do not know each other. It should be so; without this there can be no happiness. And now, aunt, the best preservation of female beauty?"

Her aunt smiled and said: "We may not conceal from ourselves that a handsome man pleases us a hundred times more than an ill-looking one, and the men are pleased with us when we are pretty. But what we call beautiful—what in the women pleases the men, is not skin and hair, the shape and color, as in a picture or statue, but it is the character—it is the soul that is within these, which enchants us by looks and words, earnestness and joy, and sorrow. The men admire us the more they suppose those virtues of the mind to exist in us which the outside promises; and we think a malicious man disagreeable, however graceful and handsome he may be. Let a young maiden, then, preserve that purity of soul, those sweet qualities of the mind, those virtues, in short, by which she first drew her lover to her feet. And the best preservative of virtue to tender it unchanging, and keep it ever young, is religion, that inward unity with the Deity and eternity and faith—is piety, that walk with God, so pure, so peaceful, so beneficent with mortals."

"See, dear heart," continued the aunt, "there are virtues which arise out of mere experience. These grow old with time, and alter, because by a change of circumstances and inclination, prudence alters her rules of action, and because her growth does not always keep pace with that of our years and passions. But religious virtues never change; these remain eternally the same which we and those who love us are hastening to enter. Preserve them, a mind serene and pure, looking for everything from God; then will that beauty of soul remain, for which thy bridegroom to-day loves thee. I am no bigot, I am no fanatic. I am the aunt of seven-and-twenty, I love all innocent amusements. But for this very reason, I say to thee—be good, dear child, and thou wilt, as a mother, yes, as a grandmother, be still beautiful."

HISTORICAL.

A HISTORY OF
BRENTON'S NECK, FROM 1638.
WITH INCIDENTS RELATIVE TO THE
SETTLEMENT OF NEWPORT, AND
THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.
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(To be Continued.)

MAY 1st 1667, by the General Assembly
at Newport, Wm. Brenton is elected Gov.
error for the years 1657, '68 and '69.

And here his public duties seem to have ended, but the cares of his family were still increasing, he had five daughters around him, some of whom he was giving away in marriage, his other six children had not completed their education, and their interests he was pursuing with unabating application. He was out of office five years before his decease; perhaps he resigned from age, perhaps from exhausted health. But the most of his time through the summer months were spent with his family at the brick building on his Hammersmith estate, where for two years he indulged in the retirement he so loved. There, with his wife and four youngest children, Ebenezer, Sarah, Mahitable and Abigail he remained until, for the last time, he left the Colony of Rhode Island.

By his Will he had an overseer to each of his several estates, the one at Hammersmith was John Rathbone, and with him, the estate was entrusted; when, three years before his decease, he went with his two sisters, Catharine Cooke and Christina Sandys, to England, and returned with his three sons, Jahleel, William and John, who, it was said, had been sent there for the advantages of education. John, upon their return to Newport, immediately departed for the West, as has already been related. Jahleel preferred remaining with his parents and sisters; and there was another tie also, to him, still more interesting, his cousin Martha—who was both lovely and beautiful, and had been much in the family from infancy, and the companion of his childhood. The attachment was mutual, but the match was opposed by his father, who considered it sinful, to form so near a connection with a cousin, and by his influence, and from his decided objections, he received a promise from his son, that he would never make her his wife; to that obedience he parents held in those days.

But he lived a single life, and in his will it will be seen what place she continued to hold in his affections. He placed her in the light of a sister, and as such was held by the family. She, however, was united to a gentleman by the name of Church, and had quite a family of children. They settled in Rhode Island, and probably some of their descendants are still living in the town of Newport.

After Governor Brenton's return from England he again commenced making improvements upon his Hammersmith estate, and it was then he had the Point, now Fort Adams, cleared from wild-wood. The underbrush was cut away, leaving oak groves along the western shore, and upon the opposite side clusters of pear trees planted, which grew uncommonly high, and lived to a great age, and were standing at the commencement of the Revolutionary War. The oak groves, however, were cut down by the British, to furnish fuel for their troops, which then garrisoned at that point. But before this troublesome period arrived, the owner of those lands had left this stage of action. His children's children (a numerous family) were then reaping the fruits of his persevering industry, blessed with affluence and ease, surrounded by the elegancies of life, they moved among the highest. But alas, what a change has time effected! Not a descendant of his is now living on the Island, for the permanent welfare of which he for so many years devoted his services.

Well it is for man that the future is so hidden from his view, a retrospect of the past is often deeply painful, but in our latest hours would be our anguish, if in our latest hours, the future of this world was not thrown completely in the shade of obscurity, and the beams of eternal day presented in its stead.

But the last hours of this good man were peaceful and happy; and at his decease, throughout the Colony he was universally lamented and long remembered. He was a most affectionate parent, warm in his friendships; and impositions of any kind promised from one person to another, was always painful to his feelings. By record, he spent forty years of his life in America, and those records portray his energetic usefulness far more fully than is attempted by the writer of these pages.

His age or the exact period of his decease can be ascertained. His Will was witnessed on the 20th of August, and proved on the 13th of November following, 1674. His last remains were carried from his homestead in the town of Newport, and deposited most probably in the Clifton burying-ground, where some of his descendants have since been interred.

An inventory of Gov. Brenton's estate, both real and personal, together with the vesting thereof.

To my farm and houses at Hammersmith, in possession of John Rathbone, and lands thereto belonging, and stock therewith

given by my Will to my son Jahleel Brenton, £2,600.

To my farm in possession of Wm. Case and the stock therewith, by my Will given unto my son Wm. Brenton, £1,000.

To my farm and houses at Mattapoisett, in possession of Jarad Bourne, senior, and the stock therewith given to my son Ebenezer Brenton, by my Will, £1,150.

To my farm and houses in possession of Michell Coley, and the stock therewith given by my Will to my daughter Sarah Brenton, £650.

To my farm formerly in possession of Mr. John Gird, deceased, and the stock therewith, by my Will given to my daughter Mahitable Brenton, £600.

To my farm and houses bought of Mr. Elisha Hutchinson, and the farm called Baker farm, and stock therewith, by my Will given to my daughter Abigail Brenton, £600.

To my house and land with wharf, in Newport, £1200.

To my land at Nattiest on Merriman river, £800.

To my 260 acres of land in the north part of Aquag, £500.

To my houses and land in the township of Taunton, £300.

To my interest in land at Narragansett and Petticoast, £300.

To my part of Elizabeth Island, £40.—Of my Will, to seventy horses, young and old, besides what is disposed of. To 34 head of cattle besides what is disposed of in my Will, £210.

To eleven thousand sheep in the hands of my tenants, £366 13s. 4d.

To my quarter of Katch Dove, £150.

To my third part of Katch Industry, £50.

To my household goods, £200.

Signed and sealed on the 20th of August, A. D., in the presence of
William Markey,
John Winchcomb,
WILLIAM BRENTON.

After the decease of Gov. Brenton, his son Jahleel, from the responsibility of his position, proceeded with much caution to all his movements, not only as executor to his father's Will, but also in the continued improvements of the estates left to his direction. Only nineteen years of age, and both parents taken away, and he the oldest person in the family, his position was a conspicuous point of view; his guard to his younger brothers, and his devotion to his still younger sisters, soon established for him a character, which through life became his safeguard, and from which he never deviated. The winter after Gov. Brenton's decease, the children remained in Newport, in the family homestead, and upon the opening of spring, agreeable to their usual custom, they went to the Hammersmith estate, and although Jahleel was sole proprietor, they continued to form one family, until the commencement of the Indian war.

To his sisters, Jahleel was particularly devoted; and while in England, observing the ladies there rode very elegantly on horseback, he was desirous that his sisters, if possible, should excel in this useful branch of education, and having many fine horses on the estate, he procured persons capable of training, and making them obedient to the rider, and his sisters were soon taught to mount and manage them, although they were uncommonly large; and in a few months they became superior riders, and it is said by tradition, that when the three went upon an excursion, each attended by a brother, that in appearance the party was extremely interesting, all being finely formed and good looking. And the dress of the ladies was adapted to the occasion for which it was in use, the bell-hoop was exchanged for a broadcloth riding habit, but it was not of such a length as to sweep the ground when standing; it came just above the instep, showing a neatly dressed foot, with a high-heeled shoe and silver buckle inlaid with brilliant stones. The jacket to the habit was made with tight sleeves. It resembled a gentleman's dress coat in the folds behind, which were four inches in length, and came partly around the waist, the jacket being confined in front two or three inches from the bottom, rest turning back each side upon the shoulder, displayed a satin vest and a cambric handkerchief with deep ruffles standing out from the bosom of the dress, and falling over a velvet collar, which was generally the color of the habit, and ruffles nicely plaited two inches long and fell gracefully over the hand. And the head-dress was in perfect keeping with the whole figure, and not in the smallest measure resembled a school-boy's winter cap. It was a fine beaver hat, well proportioned, turned up on one side, and inclining down on the other. On the side turned up, the hair was full, curled and powdered, and in front waved two or three long black ostrich feathers, confined by a black ribbon with a test box of the same color. The hat was secured to the head by means of a high cushion, and pins which passed through it ten inches in length, the heads of these being studded with buttons of different forms, were considered an ornament to the hat.

And thus equipped many a fair lady has accended the horse-block which stood on one side, the folding gates in front of the brick mansion; and no gentleman's country residence in those days was without one, and very few females, we may believe were then so fragile as to be supported by one foot being placed in the hand of a gentleman while springing to the saddle, they are represented to have been very tall, but well proportioned, with fine complexions, glowing with health, and could walk six or eight miles without fatigue.

The summer after the decease of Gov. Brenton, his son Jahleel turned his attention to a situation on the eastern side of the Neck, where a small building had been put up for the accommodation of the herds men who took charge of the numerous cattle and sheep which grazed among the hills. The wild sublimity of the scenery attached to this place, invited Jahleel to the spot, and it was then he gave it the name of "Rocky Farm." He had the terrace enlarged, an additional room added, where he had a fine library placed, and often spent whole days there, devoted to reading and study. In front of this dwelling there is a fence, beyond which a smooth and sandy beach, from each side of these, running north and south, are two ranges of hills, then covered with spruce and cedar, which beautifully contrasted with the lighter shade of the birch and maple, which grew upon the lower grounds, particularly in the autumn when preparing for the approach of winter, the foliage began to change their hues for those of a richer cast. From the fen, in front of his dwelling, he had the brush-wood entirely cleared away, which gave through the opening of the hills on either side, a beautiful view of the broad Atlantic, sometimes in mountainous billows, with foaming crest, which seem aspiring to the clouds, and breaking upon the rocks beyond the beach, scattering the numerous wild fowl, by their bounding spray, while the waving tree-tops danced more gaily with the increasing wind. But when at times was seen the ocean undisturbed, sparkling beneath the bright meridian sun, and dotted with the many distant craft courting the breeze and bearing gently onward the various kind of shipping homeward bound. The flocks of merry birds clustered among the trees, and at dawn of day, made the hills and woods resound by such numbers and varieties, many of which 'tis said to think have altogether disappeared.

But the grandeur and sublimity then presented to the eye from this building can scarcely now be realized so sadly does it change the face of any spot to rob it of its trees and foliage. And what years of labor would it require to replace what has thoughtlessly been cut away, perhaps without a thought for the effect it would produce. But if the proprietor would only leave one tree when they take five away, the beauty of scenery might be preserved. In some instances, indeed, it has been done.

It is well-known, however, that wood, until a few years since, was the common fuel used by all classes, rich and poor, and at the time of the Revolution, while the British were stationed at Brenton's Point, nothing was brought to market, because it would fall into the hands of the enemy, and at that period many a beautiful grove and avenue was felled to the ground to supply the necessities of both friend and foe, but more of this will be said in our future columns.

On the west of this romantic spot is a circle of small hills once crowned with majestic trees, in the centre of which, is Lilly Pond, then remarkable for the profusions of wild roses which surrounded it, and by their richness, size, and variety, seemed to vie in beauty, with the pure white lilies seen above the limpid water which sustained them. And this was a delightful resort for the gentlemen and ladies of the town, for whose gratification, and also that of his sisters, Jahleel Brenton selected a spot upon the highest point among the hills, where beneath the spreading branches of some ancient trees, he had a clearing made and benches placed, forming seats; and in a direction toward the south, an opening was made which gave partial view of the ocean, admitting also fine cool air from off the deep, which was very refreshing on a summer's morning. Many a party of ladies and gentlemen have passed the day there, and when returning at the sun's decline, have carried with them a variety of wild flowers from the fields, with lilies, spruce and laurel, to adorn their large commodious rooms, which, although not carpeted, were extremely inviting, the floors being very white, and the windows free from the prison-like appearance of the present day, the shutters being thrown back, and the windows raised, gave to the eye a constant feast of the charming scenery around them while passing from room to room, inhaling the sweet invigorating air, and enjoying the never ceasing music of the birds. This gave animation, health, and good constitutions, which the fashion and mode of the day, with its elaborate and dark dresses, attached to an elaborate and the present period must in a measure destroy. A valley on Rocky Farm, whence a spot for romantic beauties, still more distinguished. It was formed by a range of

disconnected hills on the south, crowned with majestic trees, through the openings of these was seen the dark blue sea, the lessening sail of the moving craft, as they rose and fell beneath the swelling waves, and the white sea-bird which fluttered from their briny bed in numbers, mounted upward to the sky, singing their mournful notes as they sped away a short distance. North of this is a closely connected, and still higher range of hills, covered from the base to the summit, with cedar and spruce trees. The richest wild flowers protruding from each crevice in the mountain rocks with which these hills abound, and to make it still more inviting, Jahleel Brenton had the ground in the centre levelled to a beautiful greensward, and gravel walks formed to intersect each other, one of which extended quite to the water east, where was then a circular shore of fine gravel and sand, bordered by high grass adorned with wild flowers; beyond the shore, clusters of small rocks dashed by the foaming spray added sublimity to grandeur. And before Jahleel Brenton left his home for Boston, he sent to England for some hundred fruit trees for different parts of his estate, and selecting from them several kinds of the cherry, had them planted in this valley. Some ranged beside the gravel walks, others in clusters and circles, where tables, when they became full-grown, could be placed. And to this valley he gave the name of Cherry Neck, which name it bears even at the present day. And thus in after years it became a resort for his friends, and parties of pleasure.

But what a contrast does its present appearance form, when compared with that delightful period of its early existence? The cherry trees have long since gone to decay, and their name alone bears record that they were once there. The spruce and the cedar trees which adorned the hills, and gave the appearance of summer, even in the stern months of winter, are felled to the sod from whence they sprang, the profuse wild flowers and rich shrubbery which adorned the hills, are exchanged for the unsightly briar bush, and scarce a bird is seen or heard to cheer the lonely spot, and even the circular shore east of the valley to which the broadest gravel walk extended, and where the young and gay have once so often tripped with delight—like some green meadow, have turned into heaps of rough stone and ditches. But the sublimity of the prospect, still remains, the hills, though shorn of the garb which nature had bestowed, the noble beach, and the Atlantic, will still outlive the wreck of time and create a sensation of delight to the visitor, long to be remembered.

*This fowl is something like a duck, but has a long bill; they assembled near the shores sometimes, but mostly on the ocean at a distance. They were called Wamp.

Scriptural Name.

The Richmond Times relates the following:

"A gentleman traveling in a section of country which shall be unnamed, stopped at the house of a pious old woman, and observing her fondness for a pet dog, ventured to ask the name of the animal. The good woman answered by saying she called him 'Moreover.'"

"Is not that a strange name?" inquired the gentleman.

"Yes," said the pious old lady, "but I thought it must be a good one, as I found it in the Bible."

"Found it in the Bible?" quoth the gentleman, "pray in what part of the Bible did you find it?"

The lady took down the Bible with the utmost reverence, and, turning to the text, read as follows: "Moreover the dog came and licked his sores."

"There," said she triumphantly, "have I not the highest authority for the name?"

A couple of young ladies having buried their father, who was an old humorist, and had such an aversion to matrimony that he would not allow them to marry, however advantageous might be the offer, conversing on his character, the eldest observed:

"He is dead at last, and now we will marry!"

"Well," said the youngest, "I'm for a rich husband, and Mr. C. shall be my man."

"Hold, sister," said the other, "don't let us be too hasty in the choice of our husbands. Let us marry those whom the powers above have destined for us; our marriages are registered in Heaven's book."

"I am sorry for that," replied the youngest, "for I am afraid father will tear out the leaf."

A wife that is always telling how her neighbor dresses, and how little she can get, will look pleasanter if she talks about something else.

When a young gentleman begins to pay marked attention to his legs and nether extremities, it is a sign that he is "shaky" at the other end. The calf is more than the neck.

A weekly newspaper to be called "The Ladies' Paper" is shortly to be established in New York. It is to be printed by women.

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disconnected hills on the south, crowned with majestic trees, through the openings of these was seen the dark blue sea, the lessening sail of the moving craft, as they rose and fell beneath the swelling waves, and the white sea-bird which fluttered from their briny bed in numbers, mounted upward to the sky, singing their mournful notes as they sped away a short distance. North of this is a closely connected, and still higher range of hills, covered from the base to the summit, with cedar and spruce trees. The richest wild flowers protruding from each crevice in the mountain rocks with which these hills abound, and to make it still more inviting, Jahleel Brenton had the ground in the centre levelled to a beautiful greensward, and gravel walks formed to intersect each other, one of which extended quite to the water east, where was then a circular shore of fine gravel and sand, bordered by high grass adorned with wild flowers; beyond the shore, clusters of small rocks dashed by the foaming spray added sublimity to grandeur. And before Jahleel Brenton left his home for Boston, he sent to England for some hundred fruit trees for different parts of his estate, and selecting from them several kinds of the cherry, had them planted in this valley. Some ranged beside the gravel walks, others in clusters and circles, where tables, when they became full-grown, could be placed. And to this valley he gave the name of Cherry Neck, which name it bears even at the present day. And thus in after years it became a resort for his friends, and parties of pleasure.

But what a contrast does its present appearance form, when compared with that delightful period of its early existence? The cherry trees have long since gone to decay, and their name alone bears record that

FOREIGN NEWS.

The steamship Atlantic left Liverpool at 1.15 p. m. on the 24th, and arrived here about 2 p. m. Sunday last.

The Atlantic brings 209 passengers.

Parliament was prorogued on the 24th by commission. The Queen's speech is all congratulatory. America is not mentioned. The honorable arrangement of the Eastern question will speedily be accomplished.

Lord Palmerston stated in the House of Commons that he was confident the Czar would evacuate the principalities without any delay.

The Eastern question offers nothing new. It appears no farther from or nearer to an adjustment. The Divan recommends the Sultan to accept the note.

The Austrian protest against the Smyrna affair has been published and sent to all the foreign ministers. It takes ground that Capt. Ingraham broke the international law, as explained by Vattel and other jurists.

The Emperor of Austria is affianced to Princess Elizabeth of Bavaria.

The Duke Brabant was married to the Princess Maria, sister to the Emperor of Austria, at Brussels.

The Indian mail was telegraphed, bringing news from Calcutta to the 16th and Hong Kong to the 7th of July. The King of Ava had submitted and peace was proclaimed in Burmah. Trade in India dull.

China.—The imperialists, assisted by foreigners, were repulsed in attempts to retake Chung King. China markets dull.—A slight outbreak is reported at Szechuan.

The rumored intention of the Austrians to occupy Bosnia is denied.

The harbors of Moldavia are superintended by the Sultan for Russian leaguers. The English and French consuls have withdrawn.

The net profits of the Sontag opera campaign in this country, extending from October, 1882, to May in the present year, are stated at \$41,801. In addition to the above, the first management in New York received \$19,000.

The supposed extract is translated from the Paris Journal of Magnetism, which quotes as its authority a very remarkable book published by Mr. Osborne, an English physician, on his return from the Court of Chancery, in India. We must also add, that Gen. Ventura, who was one of the witnesses in this extraordinary transaction, testified to the correctness of the statement when he subsequently visited Paris. (Mr. Osborne says.)

On the 6th of June, 1883, the monotonous life in camp was agreeably interrupted by the arrival of an individual who had acquired great celebrity in the Peninsula. The natives regarded him with great veneration, on account of the facility he possessed in remaining under ground as long as he pleased, and then reappearing again. Such extraordinary facts were related in the country concerning this man, and so many respectable persons testified to their authenticity, that we were extremely desirous of seeing him; for instance, Capt. Wade, of Louisiana, informed me that he had himself been present at the resurrection of this Fakir, in the presence of Gen. Ventura, the Rajah, and several men of distinction among the natives, and that after his internment had lasted several months.

The following are the details which were given him of the internment, and those that he added on his own authority of the examination which he had made, and which would be too tedious to enumerate, the Fakir declared himself ready for the experiment; the witnesses met around a tomb of masonry work, constructed expressly to receive him. Before they saw the Fakir closed with wax (with the exception of his mouth) the apertures of his body through which air might be admitted, then he stepped off all his clothing. He was then enclosed in a linen bag, and by his direction his tongue was turned back, so as to enclose the entrance of his throat. Immediately after this operation the Fakir fell into a lethargic state. The bag which contained him was then closed and sealed. The box was lowered in the tomb, over which was thrown a great quantity of earth, which was trampled down and then even with the level; finally sentinels were set to watch day and night. Notwithstanding all these precautions, he came twice during ten months that the Fakir remained buried, and caused the tomb to be examined; he found the Fakir precisely as he had left him, and perfectly cold and inanimate.

Ten months having expired, they proceeded to the final examination. Gen. Ventura and Capt. Wade say the padlock opened, the seals broken and the chest raised from the tomb. The Fakir was removed; there was no indication of the heat or pulse. In the top of his head there remained some slight sensation of heat.—After first placing the tongue in a natural position, and then pouring warm water over his body, he began to evince some signs of life. After two hours he was quite restored and walked about. This wonderful man is about thirty years of age, his figure is unpleasant and his countenance has a cunning expression.

He says that he had delicious dreams during his internment, and that restoration was very painful to him.

An editor dislikes to be bored with a lengthy and miserably written communication on a subject about which his readers know but little, and cares less, signed "A constant reader." A subscriber from (the beginning), or something of that sort.

A physician dislikes to meet a healthy, rugged "never-say-die" looking sort of a man, who evidently "throws" physics to the dogs, and would be right glad to toss the doctors after it.

A dry goods dealer dislikes the lady who invariably asks for a pattern to take home and see if the color is fast.

A stage driver dislikes the "cheerily" lady, who always travels with three hand-bags and twice that number of bundles.

A cab man dislikes the railroad passenger who sits in the empty bag, who invariably looks the other way when he cries "cab," and who can't find one.

HUNGARIAN NEWS.—A weekly paper in the Magyar language, will be started in New York, the first of October. Kornis Karol will be editor, and Torok Lajos publisher. It will be called *Mercator Hungaricus*, which means the Hungarian Dealer's Journal. It is designed as a medium of communication among the Hungarian exiles in this country, and will give a faithful account of the present condition of Hungary.

The operations of Miss Maffioletti upon Middle Rock, in the harbor of New Haven, have been suspended for the season.

BY THE MAIL.

FOOD OF THE CHINESE.—They have domesticated the horse, the ox, the buffalo, the dog, the cat, the pig, and all the other animals which have been domesticated in Europe, together with some creatures with which we have failed. They eat, indiscriminately, almost every living creature, which comes in their way; dogs, cats, hawks, owls, eagles, and storks are regular marketable commodities; in default of which, a dish of rats, field-mice, or snakes, is not objected to. Cockroaches, and other insects and reptiles, are used for food and for medicine. Their taste for dog's flesh is quite a passion. Young pups—plump, succulent, and tender—fetch good prices at the market stalls, where a supply is always to be found. A dish of puppies prepared by a skillful cook, is esteemed as a dish fit for the Gods. At every grand banquet it makes its appearance as a hash or stew. A young Englishman attached to our Canton factory, dining one day with a wealthy Hong merchant, was determined to satisfy his curiosity in Chinese gastronomy by tasting all or most of the numerous dishes which were successfully handed round. One dish pleased him so well that he ate nearly all that was put before him. On returning homeward some of his companions asked him how he liked the dinner and how such and such fishes, and then began to imitate the whining and barking of half-a-dozen puppies. The poor young man then understood, for the first time, that he had been eating dog, and was very angry and very sick at the stomach. Other Europeans, however, have been known to declare that they succeeded in conquering a prejudice, and that a six weeks' old pup, properly fattened upon rice, and dressed *à la Chinoise*, was really a *bonne bouche*.

THE BEDFORD VALLEY SNAKE.—Two of our citizens have visited the spot where this high serpent was seen, with a view of capturing the monster. They were unsuccessful; but received abundant evidence of his actual existence. They saw and examined the skin he had shed, and found it fully twenty-one feet and six inches long. They also saw and conversed with Mr. John Elder, a most reliable citizen, who had met the animal face to face. Mr. E. encountered him in a lane, across which he was lying, with his tail in one meadow, and his head near the second fence. From his dusky brown color, Mr. E. mistook him for the ridge pole of the fence, until the serpent reared up to the full height of the rider and darted fire from his eyes. The horse instantly whirled and dashed off in alarm, and by the time he could be brought back to the spot, the snake had disappeared in the high grass. Mr. E. thinks he is between 20 and 30 feet long. Barnum may get him yet.

Chamberlain (Md.) Journal.

CHEAP LITERATURE.—A few months since I was applied to myself to contribute a new journal, not exactly gratuitously, but at a small advance upon nothing—and accordingly because the work had been planned according to that estimate. However, I accepted the terms conditionally, that is to say, provided the principle could be carried out. Accordingly, I wrote to my publisher, baker, and other tradesmen, informing them that it was necessary, for the sake of cheap literature, and the interest of the reading public, that they should furnish me with several commodities at a very trifling per centage above cost price. It will be sufficient to the answer of the butcher, as well as my paper, and if so be you or the reader's public wants to have meat at prime cost, you must buy your own beef, mutton, and kill yourselves.—*The Hood.*

A MAN SHOT BY A SNAKE.—A letter in the Philadelphia Ledger states that a few days ago a man named Looman, storekeeper in Siddonsburg, York County, was out gunning, when he discovered a large snake, and in order quickly to secure it from running away he placed the butt of his rifle, loaded with a ball at the time, upon the body of the snake, with his hand directly across the muzzle. The snake, in its wrath, struck to free itself, coiled around the gun stock, and with one of its coils struck the hammer, which was down upon the cap at the time, hard enough to discharge the gun, the contents of which entered the ball of the hand near the wrist, and, in a diagonal direction, came out between the juncture of the little finger and the one next to it. Happily no bones were broken.

MOVEMENT ON PLYMOUTH ROCK.—The Trustees of the Pilgrim Society of Plymouth are taking measures for the erection of an appropriate monument on Plymouth Rock, in commemoration of the Landing of the Fathers. For this purpose it is proposed to invite all, whether societies or individuals, who feel an interest in the project, to contribute funds for its accomplishment. Nearly \$2,000 has already been subscribed at Plymouth. A good beginning. Those desiring to contribute may forward to Allen Danforth, Esq., Treasurer of the Pilgrim Society at Plymouth; to the President, Richard Warren, Esq., of New York; or to the Vice President, Mr. Samuel Nicholson, of Boston.

THE AMERICAN YACHT SILVER DEBATE.—The London Advertiser contains a long account of the great yacht race at Cowes, on the 20th ult. Seven vessels started, and it was the general impression that the American would prove the victor, but after a beautifully contested race the English yacht *Julia* came in ahead, leading the *Silvia*, which was second, 9 minutes and 28 seconds.

THE ASCENDER.—The Custom House broker noticed elsewhere, as having absconded on Thursday last, it is stated enjoyed the confidence and business of a large portion of the foreign importing houses.—He carried with him about \$100,000. One of our banks and a number of mercantile firms are stated to be sufferers to the amount of \$5,000 to \$10,000 each.

VERACITY.—On the trial of a person in Boston for violating the Liquor Law, a witness who was put upon the stand to impeach another, swore that "the character of the witness for the State might be good enough for common efforts, but on a fox-hunt he was the best breed that he ever did see."

DEATH IN THE NAVY.—Midshipman R. J. Price, of Maryland, died on board the steamship Lexington on her voyage to Madeira, where she arrived on the 14th ult. Mr. J. J. Hanson, acting Master of the U. S. steamer *Vesuvius*, died at Providence on the 23rd of August, of yellow fever.

A modern composer has suggested a musical notation that will do away with the flute and the harp. Whoever invents a system of notation that will also do away with "flat" and "sharp," will be entitled to the medal.

LARGEST STEAMSHIP IN THE WORLD.—Mr. Betts, the great railway contractor, who has just left Montreal, is a director of the Eastern Steam Navigation Company, who are constructing the Leviathan steamship, for the purpose of facilitating ocean navigation, the other head of this company is the Earl of Yarrowburgh, and the names of Mr. Petrol and others of equal note are also associated with Mr. Betts in the direction. This company has laid the keel of a monster steamer whose dimensions are given as follows: Length 673 feet; breadth 80 feet; out to out of wheel houses 120 feet; depth of hold from combing to main deck 60 feet; power of engines 6000 horse. Her deck presents an area of one half acre of surface. The ship is being built by Scott Russell, Esquire, the greatest naval architect of England, and is constructed in separate compartments, made water-tight, so that in case of her bow or stern breaking off, she would still be able to float in separate pieces. It is doubtful if such a steamer could enter our harbour, and Halifax is therefore regarded as the most suitable port for this new move in ocean navigation. This steamer is to sail from Millford Haven, where she is now building, or from Holyhead harbor, which promises eventually to become the great steamship terminus of the British Isles.

Portland, Me. paper.

PUFFBALL.—Among the curious scientific discoveries, a place must be given to that of Mr. Benjamin Richardson, who, by a series of experiments, establishes the fact of a well-known fungus (by boys named puff ball, by pundits *Lycoperdon Botrytis*) possessing anesthetic properties like ether and chloroform. He burns the fungus, and subjects animals to the inhalation of its smoke. They rapidly become insensible, and finally die, if the inhalation be continued too long. It appears that the narcotizing properties of this puffball have long been used to stupefy bees, before extracting the contents of the hive. The wider application of this knowledge to animals is due to Mr. Richardson, who read a paper on the subject before the London Medical Society, last May, and has now republished it in form of a pamphlet. The puffball may be eaten without injury; indeed, it is eaten in Italy; and Mr. Smith, the stationer of Longacre, esteems it quite a delicacy, eating it every autumn as a matter of course.—*Leader.*

TAIL OATS AND TIMOTHY.—The Portland (Oregon) Commercial says that a farmer has left at his office a bundle of "green-side oats" the straw of which measures 8 feet and that one of the heads of grain 17-1/2 inches, and contained 310 kernels, and that it is a fair specimen of four acres, which will produce at least 100 bushels to the acre. "This is the second volunteer crop from the original seed. A sample has been sent to the Crystal Palace, as a specimen of the agricultural production of Oregon. That Territory, however, young as it is, is not without 'old fogies,' one of whom, says the Commercial, a farmer, having his attention called to the tall oats, and asked if he did not think it was beautiful, coolly replied 'no, it is too big.'"

The same paper has received a bunch of Timothy grass, measuring 5 feet and 8 inches, and says it is the product of seed sown in February and cut on the 11th of July following. Who will say Oregon is not a "tail" Territory?

QUERIES TO AN OCTOGENARIAN.—Did you ever know a "match-making mamma," whose daughters were not "thoroughly provided for" by the time they were 21? A talented company? Did you ever know a sporting man whose "tears" didn't elapse those of Hercules? Did you ever know a house for sale, that was not a "desirable property" or "eligible investment"? Did you ever know a "first" man, who hadn't a mere chance but had refused three graces for it? Did you ever know a phrenologist who didn't brush his hair off his forehead, to display his "development"? Did you ever walk through Regent-street, with a lady, without her stopping to admire a "love of a shawl"? Did you ever know a husband to get home late from a wine party, without telling his wife he was "the first to leave"?—*Diogenes.*

GOV. STEVENS' EXPLORING PARTY.—The St. Louis Republic says the Northern Pacific Railroad surveying party are now encamped at Camp Cushing, near the mouth of the Yellowstone. The three sections into which the party was divided came together at that point by different routes. A report of the survey thus far has been forwarded to Washington; the prospect is that the survey will be complete, and the report laid before Congress by next February. The Republican further states that they are in receipt of private information which will satisfy Congress and the country that this route is impracticable.

A COLD SPRING.—There is a spring of water in Otis called the "Cold Spring." A recent visitor says that "when within fifteen feet of it he was taken with the ague, and looking at his thermometer, he found the mercury had fallen from 94 to 70. On laying the thermometer on the bottom of the spring, the mercury immediately fell to 36, four degrees above freezing." "It was impossible for one to hold his hand in the spring for the space of two minutes." The water is clear and the spring is never in the least affected by drought or frost.—*Berkshire County Eagle.*

STRONG BEANS.—A gentleman and lady residing at Cambridgeport had in their employ, an Irish girl, fresh from the old country. The lady on going out to church on the Sabbath, directed the girl how to prepare dinner, and among other instructions, told her to boil some string beans, and string them well. Judge of her surprise on her return from church, to find that the girl, not understanding the process of stringing beans had actually taken a needle and string all the beans in a row on a tow cord.

FIREMEN'S MEETING.—There is to be a grand firemen's muster and festival in Springfield on 23d inst. A general invitation to firemen of this and neighboring states has been extended, and it is expected that the turn-out will be the largest and most imposing ever witnessed in New England. At the trial of engines in the afternoon, two handsome trumpets will be awarded to the engines which play best.

The Crystal Palace was opened for the first time by gas light, Friday evening—Five thousand gas burners, supplied by seven miles of pipe, illuminated the structure. The work of the Crystal Palace, which at one time, reached 160, is now quoted at 90 and 90.

The last relative to railroads, passed by the last session of the Connecticut legislature, making it necessary for all trains to come to a full stop at drawbridges, railroad crossings, &c., went into effect on the 1st inst.

DISASTER TO STEAMER BAY STATE.—Several persons seriously injured.—The steamer Bay State on her passage from Fall River to New York, met with an accident to her machinery, at half past three o'clock this morning, while some sixty miles from this city, which resulted somewhat seriously in scalding several of the passengers.

The facts, as we understand them, are—that the crank pin broke from its socket, causing the crank to become disengaged from the main connection rod or shaft lever. This displaced, or sprung the connection rod, or links which are attached to the pistons, forced the same quite through the top of the cylinder, this allowing the steam instant escape. The top of this steam cylinder, it will be recollected, is quite high, perhaps nearly on a level with the upper state rooms; and it was only on this portion of the boat that any injury was done to passengers. The steam rushed with such violence into the upper saloon and some of the state rooms, and more or less seriously injured eight passengers. The names of the persons injured are as follows:—Five of the family of Wm. F. De Wolf, of Chicago, Ill. (formerly of Bristol, R. I. returning from a visit to his relatives) leaving his wife and four daughters. The wife is slightly scalded, but it is feared the children are seriously, and one or two fatally scalded.

John C. Abbott, of Boston, Mass., had his hands and face slightly scalded—otherwise not injured.

Thomas Warren, of Dartmouth, Mass., is feared seriously scalded.

Miss Charlotte Snow, of Dartmouth, Mass., slightly scalded.

Mr. George M. Wheeler, 61 Summer street, Boston, had her face and hands considerably scalded, but otherwise sustained no serious injury.

Miss Almira Haven, daughter of the Superintendent of the Fall River R. R. residence Fall River, had one of her hands slightly scalded.

Edwin Wilson, of New York, but for his presence of mind in placing himself immediately upon the floor of this state room. As it was he only sustained a very slight burn upon his face. We believe these are all that were injured in any way, and we hope the burns of none of them will prove fatal, though the physicians who were on board spoke discouragingly of some of the children of Mr. De Wolf.

Immediately upon the occasion of the accident to the Bay State, the steamboat Connecticut of the Norwich and Worcester route, which was near by, came along side, took the passengers on board, and towed the Bay State as far as Huntington, where she anchored. All the scalded were carefully removed from the Bay State to the Connecticut, such as needed assistance being taken upon cots, &c. Here every assistance possible was rendered to the sufferers, both by the kind and obliging officers of the Connecticut and the passengers, and all seemed anxious to do something, if possible, toward alleviating their distress.

The accident to the Bay State which has caused this sad calamity, is one of those casualties which no human foresight can prevent. We are informed by persons who were present that the crank pin, which is a considerable piece of iron, broke nearly in the middle, within the strap and that no appearance of fracture was discoverable otherwise, so that the Engineer could not know but that the same was as sound as any other part of his engine.—[N. Y. Express.

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[Boston Post.

CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.—The Quebec Morning Chronicle says—the Americans want Cuba, and the same writer has frequently told us they want Canada. Canada is fast going to them. Our lumber goes to New York, our four and cattle to Boston or Portland, our very steamships go to Portland in the winter, and it must be borne in mind that a commercial is the most solid of all political annexations. Canada is already part and parcel of the United States, and we are sorry at it.—Nothing but a rush of immigration can save us.—The tide of public opinion and of public power is on the turn. Loyalty to Great Britain is on the ebb.

SINGULAR CRICKET MATCH.—A dispute having arisen in the Newark Cricket Club, concerning the comparative abilities of tall men and short men at that game, a match will be played on Monday next to decide it. The long legged members will play against the short legged ones, and a considerable sport is anticipated. It will be an unprecedented affair, matches hitherto having been made only between married men and single, right handers and left handers.—[Newark Daily Adv.

A writer in the New Orleans Bulletin says the great mass of the people in that city have concluded contrary to the opinion of the doctors, that the yellow fever is contagious, and that its appearance there this season was entirely owing to unrestricted intercourse with Rio Janeiro, Havana, St. Thomas and other places where the disease originates and belongs.—The masses are right, almost always.

A VERY POOR SPELL.—A large box was observed at the Central Railroad Depot, yesterday, marked quite conspicuously

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which being interpreted, meant, "To Milwaukee."

The painter being subject to a "poor spell," gave the subject fits.—[Detroit Adv.

The distinguished American, who recently gave in his adherence to the Papal Church while at Rome, turned out to be not Senator Douglas, as first rumoured, but the Hon. Joseph R. Chandler, one of the Pennsylvania delegation, whose wife has long been a member of that communion.—[Episcopal Recorder.

The New York Journal of Commerce says the boot and shoe trade in that city has nearly doubled within five years. The trade is chiefly managed by nineteen different houses, and the aggregate sales are nearly or quite six million of dollars.

TRAVEL BETWEEN NEW YORK AND BOSTON.—At no time within our knowledge has there been the same amount of travel between Boston and New York, as there has been the present season. All the boats have been for weeks crowded to overflowing. State rooms are often engaged from three to six days ahead, mattresses and cots are in great demand, and not a few passengers fail to get even a mattress on the floor for the night. A friend of ours visited New York last week, via the Fall River line, in the steamer Bay State, and after waiting until twelve o'clock, was content to take a mattress, without blanket or pillow. His next neighbor rejoiced on receiving leave to appropriate the rug, with a blanket furnished, using his travelling bag as a pillow.

A large number of ladies were accommodated with bunks on the floor of the upper cabin. Mr. Stickney the gentlemanly clerk, was assiduous in his attentions, rendering all the aid in his power to make the passengers comfortable, but such was the crowd upon the boat, many could not receive but indifferent accommodations. This line, by the promptness with which they run their boats, the courtesy of the officers, and the attention paid to the passengers, have gained for the line an enviable reputation, and will ensure them a full share of the travel while this reputation is sustained.—*Boston Trav.*

ALLIGATORS FOR THE WORLD'S FAIR.—The Florida Republican states that two "powerful alligators" were shipped for New York via Charleston, on the 16th inst., per steamer Florida, to represent the State of Florida, at the World's Fair. They are owned by Mr. T. G. Meyers of Jacksonville, and were captured for the purpose of being brought to the Exhibition. One is fourteen feet in length, weighing a foot of the measure for which a prize was offered by parties at the Fair. The other is somewhat shorter. Both are leviathans of their kind. They were caught at Welaka, and after being boxed for transportation, were taken to Jacksonville, and detained until the steamer's departure. One of them cut the plank of disengaging himself from his cage and taking position on the warehouse floor. Altogether, however, despite their novelty at the North, they are the most uninvited and inert of beasts on the land that can be conceived. With strength enough to have demolished cages of ten times the durability of those they were confined in, they were passively lifted about from place to place, and will doubtless submit with the utmost docility to the scrutiny which awaits them among the "elephant" seekers.

FALL OF A PIECE OF CHALK.—We have already stated that a destructive fire lately occurred at Dover, in England, by which the extensive premises of Walker & Co., oil merchants, and other property, were destroyed, amounting in value to £50,000. The buildings burnt were situated beneath the cliff—and while the firemen were busily at work, some person cried out, "Take care of yourselves—the cliff is falling!" The men scattered in every direction—but before all could escape, "a piece of chalk" fell from the cliff, fifty feet long, forty feet wide, and sixty feet deep, and estimated to weigh at least two thousand tons. It fell with a noise resembling the discharge of cannon, and buried beneath it the apparatus of the engines and several of the firemen. It was also supposed that several persons were walking on the cliff at the time, and when it fell were buried with it, as they were missing. The immediate cause of the accident is supposed to be the great heat of the fire, which expanded

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COOKING EGGS PLANTS.—As we now have this excellent vegetable in season, we publish the following mode of cooking the egg plant in the South, which we find in a monthly agricultural publication called the Soil of the South.

"Are you fond of sweet oysters? If so, we will give you a dish called the Mobile bay oysters. First peel the fruit, and slice it thin, boil it in salt and water until thoroughly done. Now drain off the water, cover it with sweet milk, crumble in some toasted bread and crackers, with pepper, and some other condiments as the taste may dictate. Now break in two or three eggs, and as it simmers over the fire, stir all together; as soon as the egg begins to harden the metamorphosis is complete, the oysters are ready for the table.

"To fry the egg plant, they should be first peeled and parboiled, then dipped into butter and dropped into boiling lard—taking care to season them properly before frying."

LIFE PRESERVING SEATS.—The Journal of Commerce says that all of the Sound and Connecticut river steamers, and six of the Southern coast steamers, besides others running from N. Y., have been supplied with Teakbury's life-preserving seats, manufactured by T. L. Randler. Mr. Brown's Australian steamer, the America, is being fitted out with them, also Aspinwall's new Pacific steamer "San Francisco," and the latter vessel will take out a supply for steamers on the west coast.—They consist of little else than an air-tight cylinder, furnished with longitudinal strips of wood, by which they may be easily grasped, and when placed in the water, are very buoyant.

OPIMUM EATING IN CHINA.—The extent of the degradation which the use of opium entails, will be apparent when we say that, not in exceptionally brutal cases, but in very numerous and regularly recurring instances, opium smokers, after running through all their property and becoming bankrupt in means and reputation, scruple not to secure a prolonged term of enjoyment (for we have heard one confess "with our opium life is nothing") by selling their souls as slaves, their wives and daughters as slaves or prostitutes, and, horrible to relate, themselves as substitutes for condemned criminals even about to suffer capital punishment!

DEATH OF A SISTER OF CHARITY.—Sister Lind Griffin, aged twenty-six years, and a native of Ireland, died in the Charity Hospital, New Orleans, on the 26th ult. where she had been unwearingly in her attention to the poor and afflicted. This is the fourth death this season of the prevailing epidemic among this self-sacrificing sisterhood.

The new structure at the foot of Main street, used as a ferry house by the Catholic Ferry Company, New York, was totally destroyed by fire on Monday evening, together with the bridges and a portion of the piers. Loss between \$10,000 and \$15,000; insured for \$7000.

The Crystal Palace will be open for visitors daily, (Sundays excepted) from 10 o'clock, P. M. The directors have resolved to issue tickets good for one week at one dollar.

Adams & Co. have fully organized an Express to Australia.

Newport Mercury.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 10, 1883.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS.

PROVIDENCE, September 6, 1883.
The Commandant in Chief of the Rhode Island Militia, in compliance with the invitation of the Committee of Arrangements for the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie, which is to take place in Newport on the 10th of September next, has the honor to inform you that he will be present at the following hour:—
The officers of the General Staff, the Adjutant General, the Quartermaster General, and the Commissary General, at Newport, on the 10th day of September inst. at 9 o'clock, a. m.
By order of the Commandant in Chief,
T. S. ANTHONY,
Adjutant General.

This day usher in the fortieth anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie, which, after a lapse of two score years, is only now to be celebrated in a manner worthy of the day, and of the heroes who accomplished so much for their country. The patriotism of the inhabitants of this ancient town is fairly aroused, and never have we known an occasion where a more general desire was expressed to have the celebration a becoming one. To insure this, liberal measures have been adopted, and no efforts have been spared to have the arrangements carried out to the satisfaction of all. The procession will be very long and will be formed after the order in the following programme. The military of the State will be represented by the Providence Infantry, Warren Artillery, Kentish Guards, and Newport Artillery, and the Fire Department by Engine Companies No. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7, and No. 6 of New Bedford. The streets are already decorated; the principal line commencing at the State House and continuing through Touro and Bellevue streets to the Ocean House. A number of private houses are also decorated.

At the Church we anticipate much of real pleasure and enjoyment from the address by Geo. H. CALVERT, Esq. His subject is an eloquent one, and in his hands it will wear its most brilliant aspect. Though the building is large, the crowd will be dense, yet it is to be hoped that the whole procession will be able to find seats. The galleries are reserved for ladies, who will be admitted before the services by persons stationed at the door for that purpose.

In our next we will give a full account of the proceedings.

ORDER OF ARRANGEMENTS

For the Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Victory on Lake Erie, on the 10th of September 1813, in the City of Newport, according to the arrangements published below.

A salute will be fired by the Artillery Company, on the arrival of the Governor and Suite, who will then be escorted to the State House by the military.

The head quarters of the Governor will be in the Senate Chamber of the State House, and the invited guests will occupy the Representatives Hall.

The procession will be formed on the Parade at 10 o'clock under the direction of

Chief Marshal, Hon. J. C. CALVERT, Esq.

Assisted by Messrs.

John Eldred, Esq., of the

Wm. H. Greene, Esq., of the

Charles Deane, Jr., Esq., of the

J. C. VanZandt, Esq., of the

Fl. C. Stevens, Esq., of the

Military of the State.

Fire Department.

Col. Marshall and Aide.

The exhibition of Aqueduct Agricultural Society, in Middletown, for the past two days, was most creditable to all parties concerned. We were on the grounds on Thursday, and were gratified to see the interest in the Fair so general. The building erected this season is a large structure of two stories, well lighted and with ample room between joints. It was densely crowded and the tables were covered with such varieties as can only be collected at a general exhibition. On the lower floor were displayed fruits and farm produce, Agricultural implements, &c., and in a manner favorable for their examination. It is not our intention to notice the different articles exhibited, for we have neither time nor space, and rather than to do it imperfectly we prefer to confine ourselves to the reports of the committee. We may, however, be permitted to speak of a Spread, made of countless pieces about the size of a quarter of a dollar, and the work of a lady eighty-seven years of age; and also of two superb specimens of embroidery, the one a chair, by Mrs. Greene, and the other a portrait of Washington, by Mrs. Shannon. This last took the premium at the State Fair last year.

On the field there was a great collection of fine cattle, horses and sheep, also poultry and hogs. We were unable to learn the number of heads of cattle; it was impossible to count them for they were spread all over the field, and in many cases were too closely packed to get at the true number. In this department Rhode Island takes the lead. Fatter cattle may be found elsewhere, but for strong, well-built working oxen, we will turn out this Island against New England. The sheep were also represented in numbers and quality. The South Downs and French Merinos looked remarkably well. Of horses there were many, some of which appeared to advantage, but not enough attention has yet been paid to this branch on the Island, to entitle it to great credit. The poultry crops were full. Some of the fancy breeds were in excellent condition, and the whole display gave evidence that this profitable branch of husbandry has not been overlooked by our farmers.

The Fair was unquestionably a successful one, and if the same interest is felt for these annual exhibitions for a series of years, the Society will have either to build a new hall or further enlarge the one they have just put up.

OUR BOOK TABLE

Blackburn's Review.—The July number is received from Leonard, Scott & Co. at the hand of B. J. Taylor. Its leading features are: The Austrian Court in the Eighteenth Century; The Native of India and the Chinese; Lord Grey's Colonial Administration; Relations of England with China; which is a summary of the events of the month of June, 1853, in connection with England and China, as it existed prior to the Nankin treaty, and after the opening of the treaty, and as it has been since the peace of 1842. The review is a valuable and interesting article. The review is a valuable and interesting article. The review is a valuable and interesting article.

The London Quarterly.—The July and August numbers of this interesting and valuable publication have been received from Leonard, Scott & Co. at the hand of B. J. Taylor. The July number contains an article on the South American Trade and Adventure. The August number contains an article on the South American Trade and Adventure.

New York Grain Market

Wheat has continued in active demand, both for milling and export, and though the arrivals are pretty large, the market has been somewhat excited, and prices now stand 1 to 10 cents higher than on the 1st inst. The sales include Canada at \$1.25, \$1.45, \$1.65, \$1.85, \$2.05, \$2.25, \$2.45, \$2.65, \$2.85, \$3.05, \$3.25, \$3.45, \$3.65, \$3.85, \$4.05, \$4.25, \$4.45, \$4.65, \$4.85, \$5.05, \$5.25, \$5.45, \$5.65, \$5.85, \$6.05, \$6.25, \$6.45, \$6.65, \$6.85, \$7.05, \$7.25, \$7.45, \$7.65, \$7.85, \$8.05, \$8.25, \$8.45, \$8.65, \$8.85, \$9.05, \$9.25, \$9.45, \$9.65, \$9.85, \$10.05, \$10.25, \$10.45, \$10.65, \$10.85, \$11.05, \$11.25, \$11.45, \$11.65, \$11.85, \$12.05, \$12.25, \$12.45, \$12.65, \$12.85, \$13.05, \$13.25, \$13.45, \$13.65, \$13.85, \$14.05, \$14.25, \$14.45, \$14.65, \$14.85, \$15.05, \$15.25, \$15.45, \$15.65, \$15.85, \$16.05, \$16.25, \$16.45, \$16.65, \$16.85, \$17.05, \$17.25, \$17.45, \$17.65, \$17.85, \$18.05, \$18.25, \$18.45, \$18.65, \$18.85, \$19.05, \$19.25, \$19.45, \$19.65, \$19.85, \$20.05, \$20.25, \$20.45, \$20.65, \$20.85, \$21.05, \$21.25, \$21.45, \$21.65, \$21.85, \$22.05, \$22.25, \$22.45, \$22.65, \$22.85, \$23.05, \$23.25, \$23.45, \$23.65, 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